



## SAMPLE GIFT PROVISIONS FOR WILLS AND TRUSTS

The provisions you will need in your Will or Trust for making a gift to your church will depend upon the type of gift and your own circumstances. Perhaps the model provisions below will be helpful to your attorney.

### Gift of a Specific Amount

"I give to the \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church, located in \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for its general purposes."

### Gift of a Percent of the Estate

"I devise and bequeath \_\_\_% of the remainder and residue of property owned at my death, whether real or personal, and wherever located to \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church, located in \_\_\_\_\_, IL."

### Contingent Gift

"If my (brother John Doe survives me, I devise and bequeath 20% of the remainder and residue of property owned at my death, whether real or personal, and wherever located to John Doe.) If (John Doe) does not survive me, then I devise and bequeath 20% of my residuary estate, whether real or personal property and wherever located to \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church, Inc., located in \_\_\_\_\_, IL."

### Residuary Gift

"All the remainder of my estate, I give to the \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church, located in \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois, for its general purposes."

### Gift of a Specific Asset\*

"I give to the \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church, located in \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois, my [insert accurate and complete description of asset to be given] for its general purposes."

### Gift for a Specific Purpose\*

"I give to the \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church, located in \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ [or \_\_\_% of my estate; or the property described herein \_\_\_\_\_] for [insert description of specific purpose]."

### Gift to Church Permanent Endowment Fund\*

"I give to the \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church, located in \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars [or \_\_\_% of my estate; or my \_\_\_\_\_] for its permanent endowment fund."

\*It is advisable to check with the organization regarding their acceptance of designations or restrictions.

It is always advisable to consult with a qualified estate planning attorney when drafting your will to ensure your wishes for your family and your church are properly documented.